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April 18, 2005

Ref: 394-23423

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re:

Hearing Application

CIB CARST Zone, Reservoir A

COQUILLE BAY FIELD

Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Applicant: Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cib Carst Zone, Reservoir A, Coquille Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

- 1. To create two (2) single drilling and production units of approximately 285 acres and 120 acres, respectively, for the Cib Carst Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the CIB CARST RA SUA and CIB CARST RA SUB, Coquille Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
- To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- 4. To designate a unit well and unit operator for the Cib Carst RA SUA created herein;

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5. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Cib Carst Zone, Reservoir A in the Coquille Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 11,667 feet and 12,263 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Natural Gas & Oil Co.-SL 2792 No. 1 Well, located in Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 18 East.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on March 31, 2005. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Bill McAlister of Leon Comeaux & Associates presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. Doffie Ross on behalf Everard Marks and Jeff Martin and Vamos Oil & Gas, LLC presented a counterplan. A compromise has been reached by the parties and enclosed herewith is our revised plat. It is anticipated that there will be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a revised plat outlining the CIB CARST RA SUA and CIB CARST RA SUB, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Leon Comeaux of Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505 (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

BJD/ht Attachments

Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

